

## EXHIBIT 7: Action Class Judgment Worksheet

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Office of Scientific Quality Review	Project Plan Title:			
National Program: Panel Dates:	Lead Scientist:			
<b>ACTION CLASS RATING WORKSHEET</b>				
See Guidelines for Reviewing ARS Research Project Plans	Scientific Quality Review Officers: The Officer whose signature appears below agrees to treat the contents of this Plan as confidential and that no basis for a conflict of interest has been found. Final determination of conflicts of interest, which are outlined in the Guidelines for Reviewing ARS Research Project Plans, resides with the OSQR.			
<p>Individual quality ratings translate into the following numerical values:</p> <p><b>No Revision Required = 8 points</b> No revision is required, but minor changes to the project plan may be made.</p> <p><b>Minor Revision Required = 6 points</b> The project plan is basically feasible as written but requires some revision to increase quality to a higher level.</p> <p><b>Moderate Revision Required = 4 points</b> The project plan is basically feasible as written but requires moderate revision to one or more objectives, perhaps involving changes to the experimental approaches, in order to increase quality to a higher level. The project plan may also need some rewriting for greater clarity.</p> <p><b>Major Revision Required = 2 points</b> Substantial revision to one or more objectives is necessary, but the project plan should be sound and feasible after significant revision.</p> <p><b>Not Feasible = 0 points</b> The project plan has major flaws or deficiencies, and cannot be simply revised to produce a sound project. If the project is not terminated, a complete redesign and rewrite are required.</p> <p><b>Per project plan, individual panelist quality ratings will be tallied, divided by the total number of panelists (panel members, plus panel chair, excluding ad-hoc reviewers), and rounded to the nearest tenth to arrive at a final project score. Final Project Ratings are as follows:</b></p> <p>No Revision Required: &gt;7.0          Minor Revision Required: 5.1 to 6.9          Moderate Revision Required: 3.1 to 5.0          Major Revision Required: 1.1 to 3.0          Not Feasible: &lt;1.1</p>	Reviewer #	Quality Rating	Numerical Value	
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	Scientific Quality Review Officer's Name <hr/> <i>(Please type or print name)</i> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>Signature</span> <span>Date</span> </div>		EVALUATION  No Revision Required Minor Revision Required Moderate Revision Required Major Revision Required Not Feasible	

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